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TO : L. V. Boardman

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: FRANK G. WISNER
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Bufiles reflect that by letters dated 11-28-52, 11-23-53, and 3-30-54, information coming to Bureau's attention regarding Wisner, Deputy Director, CIA, was furnished to that agency. This information consisted of various allegations concerning Wisner's character and loyalty and came from sources of unknown reliability. The information concerned his alleged association with Tanda Caragea, alleged Soviet espionage agent, and their misuse of medical supplies; his business relations with Max Ausnit, wealthy Rumanian in US, against whose moral character allegations have been made. During May to July 1949, Wisner was investigated as Atomic Energy Act - Applicant. Investigation failed to disclose any derogatory information.

By letter dated 5-24-55, CIA furnished a report in the form of a "study and research" of its investigation of Wisner. CIA's investigation was based on 21 allegations which included substantially the information furnished by the Bureau. CIA points out that in general these allegations concerned Wisner's activities while in Rumania in 1944 and 1945 as an employee of OSS. According to CIA, their investigation indicated allegations against Wisner are based on fabrication, distortion of fact, and Rumanian refugee gossip.

Concerning the sources of the allegations, CIA states it can be reasonably assumed that 15 and possibly 16 came from Nicolae Malaxa or his associates. CIA points out that Malaxa's criticism of Wisner may have stemmed from fact CIA furnished information to INS which prevented him from receiving a permanent residence visa into U.S. Malaxa is wealthy Rumanian residing in the U.S. Two allegations have been known to have come from a Senate subcommittee investigator who has been attempting to build case on CIA operations. Another

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according to CIA came from member of American Military Unit in Bucharest at same time as Wisner and who was subject of proposed court-martial for his conduct. The remaining 2 were from Rumanian emigre who was refused entrance into U.S. on grounds of loyalty and character. ~~SI(S) (R) main classified per CIA letter 10-27-88~~ (U)

CIA states it is possible that circulation of above allegations may continue and requests to be advised of future information coming to Bureau's attention. Upon receipt of such information, CIA will be advised. SI(S)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

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